

Midwife Advisory Board

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Lay Midwifery in Arkansas, Section 109, The Board of Health (BOH) shall establish and appoint the Midwifery Advisory Board (MAB) to advise the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the BOH on matters pertaining to the regulation of midwifery.

The composition of the MAB will be as follows:

- Four (4) Arkansas LLMs
- One (1) Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), currently licensed as a CNM in Arkansas, preferably practicing.
- One (1) member at large.
- Three (3) public consumers who have either had a midwife-attended birth, are the spouse of someone who has had a midwife-attended birth, or are persons who have been involved in promoting midwifery or home birth in the state of Arkansas.

Name	Representing	Term Expires
Deborah Phillips (Chair)	LLM	March 2022
Shea Childs (Secretary)	LLM	March 2022
Ida Darragh	LLM	March 2023
Heather M. Chowdhury	LLM	March 2023
Open Position	CNM	
Traci Kiernan, D.C.	Member-at-large	July 2022
Tanya Smith	Consumer	July 2021
Ashley Craig	Consumer	February 2024
Halee Burchfield	Consumer	March 2023

The MAB will schedule and conduct meetings at least two (2) times a year and at other times, as necessary.

Next scheduled MAB Meeting:

When: To be determined

Where: To be determined

***The MAB meeting previously scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2020 has been postponed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

An updated meeting date will be posted as soon as possible.

All MAB meetings are open to the public.

For information regarding the Midwife Advisory Board, please refer to The Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Licensed Lay Midwifery in Arkansas (Section 109)

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/rules/LLM_Rules_Regulations_Effective_6.1.18.pdf

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